

# 4 Things You Better Know About

## \* YOUR \*

# Blood Pressure

## Facts About High Blood Pressure



7% - 18-39 years

32% - 40-59 years

65% - 60+ years

30% Virginians Have Hypertension

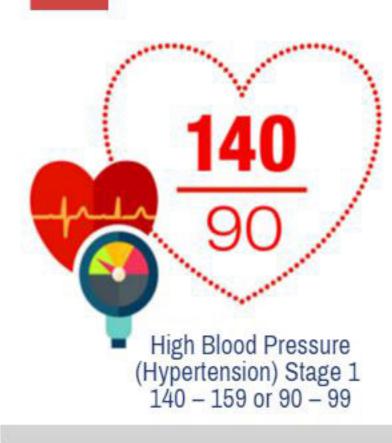
Over 1.9 million individuals



Of the nearly 80M
Adults with HBP
close to HALF are
not controlled

A YEAR

## What is High Blood Pressure?



The top number (systolic) matters most; it measures the force at the moment the heart beats, pumping blood throughout the body.

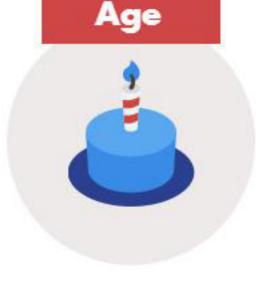
The bottom number (diastolic) blood pressure, measures the pressure in your blood vessels when your heart rests between beats.

When pressure increases, it can damage your kidneys, eyes, brain, even the lining of blood vessels and cause a stroke or heart attack.

Ask Your Doctor What Number is Right For You.

#### What Increases Blood Pressure?

Weight





#### 55+ Years Old The upper number

increases starting at age 40.

#### Dropping just 11

Loose the Pounds

pounds can shave off more than 4 points

### Learn Ways to Relax Blood pressure spikes

just because you're having it measured.

# Control Your Blood Pressure Better BP Control= Reduces Risk of Illness

Three Steps To Lowering Your Blood Pressue

120 80

Monitor Your Blood Pressure



#### Eat Healthy

Eat a variety of natural foods with reasonable portions.



#### Find ways

Find ways to calm your thoughts by practicing slow breathing or meditating

Bottom Number: less than 80mmHg

less than 120 mmHg

Top Number:

https://aarp.org

CDC.gov/bloodpressure

American Heart Association - heart.org/bloodpressure

VDHLiveWell.com